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Certified Medical Assistants Healthcare's Most Versatile Professional



The Connecticut Society of Medical Assistants Support Proposed Bill 6025

The Connecticut Society of Medical Assistants would like to show our support of

Proposed Bill 6025. This bill would allow CMA(AAMA)s in Connecticut to practice to the full scope of our practice just like CMA(AAMA)s are in 48 other states. We would like to possibly answer some questions that have arose through previous legislation years regarding facts of what a Certified Medical Assistant of the American Association of Medical Assistants and our education and training.

WHAT IS A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT CMA(AAMA)

The CMA (AAMA) credential designates a medical assistant who has achieved certification through the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA).

The CMA (AAMA) has been educated and tested in a wide scope of general, clinical, and administrative responsibilities as outlined in the Occupational Analysis of the CMA (AAMA).

Every day the AAMA responds to more than 100 employer requests for CMA (AAMA) certification verification—for both current and potential employees.

Click on the link below to read how the CMA(AAMA) is a credential above the rest.

The CMA (AAMA)
Credential: Rise
Above the Crowd



CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT EDUCATION



Graduates of medical assisting programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education, For a school to accredited by CAAHEP or ABHE they must have a qualified medical assisting educational program with the Medical Assisting Review Board.

About the Program

An AAMA program will offer academic and clinical training in a variety of areas:

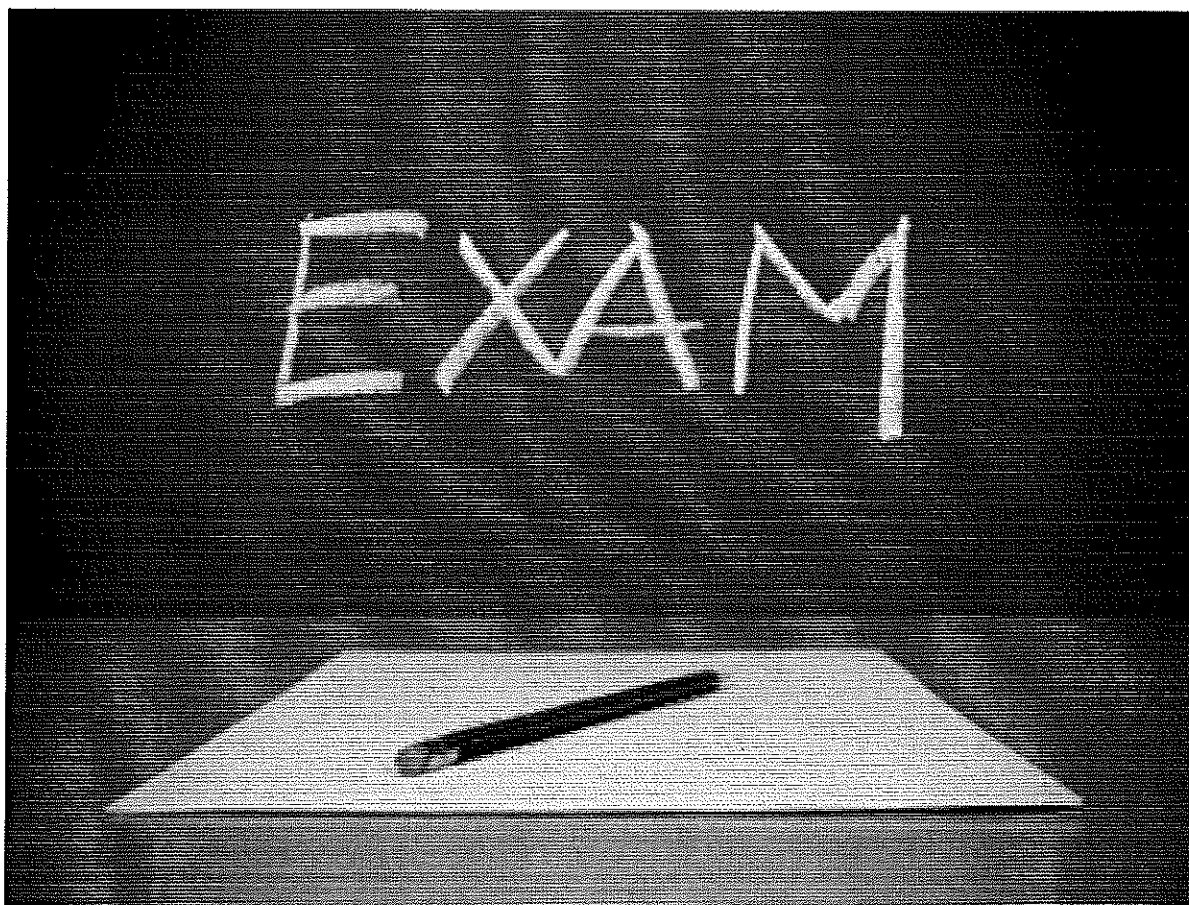
Human anatomy, physiology, and pathology, Medical terminology, Keyboarding and computer applications, Record keeping and accounting, Coding and insurance processing, Laboratory techniques, Clinical and diagnostic procedures, Pharmacology, Medication administration, First aid, Office practices, Patient relations, Medical law and ethics

You also must complete a practicum (i.e., an unpaid, supervised on-site work experience in an ambulatory health care setting), which is part of the program.

For more in depth information about a CAAHEP or ABHE program certified program, click on the link below.

CMA(AMMA)
Educational Guidelines

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT EXAM



The Certified Medical Assistant (AAMA)—or CMA (AAMA)—credential represents a medical assistant who has been credentialed through the Certifying Board (CB) of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA).

The credential is awarded to candidates who pass the CMA (AAMA) Certification/Recertification Examination.

The CB of the AAMA is committed to impartiality, objectivity, and fairness in all aspects of its CMA (AAMA) Certification Program. This commitment is reflected in all policies of the CB, and the execution of all policies.

Exam Eligibility | Only candidates who meet one of the three categories of exam eligibility are allowed to sit for the exam.

Exam Content | The CMA (AAMA) Exam is a rigorous exam that requires a thorough, broad, and current understanding of health care delivery. The CMA (AAMA) Certification/Recertification Examination Content Outline provides an overview of the wide scope of knowledge required in general, clinical, and administrative categories.

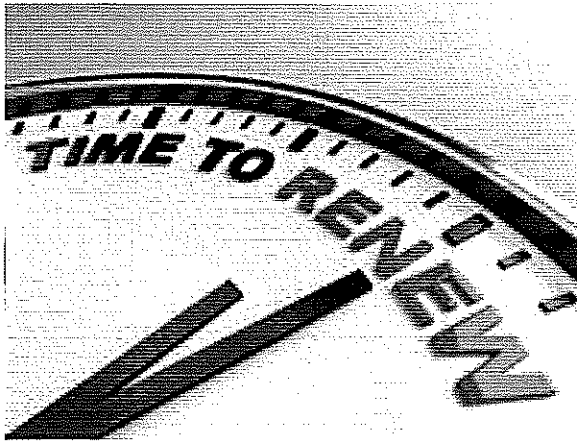
The exam consists of 200 multiple-choice questions administered in four 40-minute segments.

CMA (AAMA)®
Certification/Recertification
Exam Eligibility

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AAMA Disciplinary
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Procedures

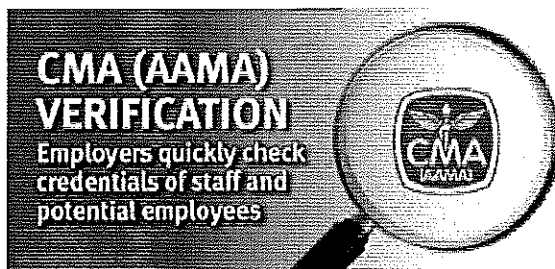
CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT RECERTIFICATION



Recertification standards for the CMA (AAMA) give evidence of continuing competency and knowledge. Current status is required in order to use the CMA (AAMA) credential. All newly certified and recertifying CMAs (AAMA) will be current for 60 months from the end of the calendar month of initial certification or most recent recertification. CMAs (AAMA) may choose one of two ways to recertify either by continuing education or retaking the AAMA CMA(AAMA) Exam. For more information about the AAMA recertification process, click in the link below.

AAMA Recertification Process

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT VERIFICATION



CMA(AAMA)'s Certification can be verified at anytime with the AAMA. This allows employers to verify any CMA(AAMAs) credentials anytime simply online. Click on the link below to learn more.

CMA(AAMA)
VERIFICATION

MORE INFORMATION

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about what a Certified Medical Assistant is and the extensive education we have. Proposed Bill 6025 would allow Certified Medical Assistants to administer vaccines in Connecticut and work to the full scope of our practice as other CMA(AAMA)s are doing in 48 other states.

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